

DENHOLME URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Medical Officer of Health on the Sanitary conditions and Health of the Denholme Urban Sanitary District with certain tabular returns of Vital Statistics for the year 1943.

To the Denholme Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting for your consideration my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District along with certain Vital Statistics for the year ending 31st. December, 1943.

Section A. The area of the district is unchanged. The population figure according to the Registrar General's estimate for mid 1943 shows a decrease. The number of Inhabited Houses at the end of 1943 has not altered. The Population remains the same in type - the thrifty artisan class.

Vital Statistics. Live Births.- Total 23. Males 11, Females 12, of which 10 Male Births were legitimate and 11 Female Births legitimate. 2 were illegitimate, 1 Male, 1 Female.

Still Births.- 2, both legitimate, being 1 Male, 1 Female.

Birth Rate per 1000 of estimated population - Live birth rate - 10.4
Still birth rate- 0.9

Deaths. Males 25, Females 22, Total 47.

Death Rate per 1000 of estimated resident population - 26.7

Deaths from Puerperal Sepsis - nil.

Deaths from Cancer (all ages) Females 4, Males 3. Total 7.

Death rate per thousand of estimated resident population from Cancer - 3.1

Deaths from Measles - nil.

Deaths from Whooping Cough. - nil.

Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) - 1

Death rate per 1000 of estimated resident population from Diarrhoea - 0.45

Death rate of Infants under one year of age :-

All infants per 1000 live births - 174

Legitimate infants per 1000 live births - 174

Illegitimate infants per 1000 live births - nil.

The following table shows the age at death:-

Under 1 yr.	1 and under 5.	5 and under 15.	15 and under 25.	25 and under 65
4	1	0	1	15
		65 and over		
		26		

Table showing age groups and causes of death.

Diphtheria	- 1 (1-5 yrs.)	
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum	- 1 (25-65 yrs.)	
Cancer of all other sites.	- 6 (25-65 yrs.)	
Diabetes	- 2 (25-65 yrs.)	
Intraaerial Vascular Lesions	- -	-3 (65 yrs & over.)
Heart Disease	- 5 (25-65 yrs.)	-10 (65 yrs & over.)
Other Diseases of the Circulatory System		-1 (65 yrs & over.)
Bronchitis		-2 (65 yrs. & over)
Pneumonia		-2 (65 yrs. & over)
Appendicitis		-2 (65 yrs. & over)
Premature Birth.	- 1 (under 1 yr.)	
Congenital formation at birth	- 2 (under 1 yr.)	
Nephritis		-2 (65 yrs.& over)
Diarrhoea	- 1 (under 1 yr.)	
all other causes	-1 (15-25 yrs.)	
All other causes		-4 (65 yrs. & over)
All other causes	- 1 (25-65 yrs.)	

Section B. General Provisions for Health Services for the area.

The Public Health Services, Hospital Services, Ambulance and nursing services, the Veterinary services and Child Welfare services continue to function satisfactorily as before.



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Section C. The water supply, the sewage disposal works, and the closet accommodation, all remain satisfactory.

Scavenging is carried out in the usual satisfactory manner.

Milk Supply and conditions of production are still as good as usual and samples taken for test have been satisfactory.

No nuisance were outstanding at the end of 1943.

The Regulated Trades and Buildings were inspected several times and their condition found to be satisfactory.

The schools - Denholme Council and Keelham - have both been visited by myself several times, and one course of Diphtheria Immunization has been carried out for the benefit of the Scholars; about 75% of the scholars at Denholme and 80% of the Scholars at Keelham have availed themselves of this safeguard, while a large number of children under 5 years of age have been immunized at the Child Welfare Clinic and also by the local doctors.

Section F. Infectious Diseases.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital.</u>	<u>Treated at Home.</u>
Scarlet Fever.	6	2	4
Diphtheria. (this case had not been immunized)	1	1	0
Acute Pneumonia	9	0	9
Erysiples	3	0	3
Measles	73	0	73
Whooping Cough	3	0	3

The epidemic of Measles consisted of a mild type of the disease, and was effectively dealt with by the local doctors.

Cases of Scabies have been less prevalent, and only one family had to be admitted to Hospital.

The freedom from Pulmonary Tuberculosis is again noted.

The health of the district has been good on the whole, but cases of minor ailments and nervous diseases appear much increased in frequency.

No cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified.

Table C is appended herewith.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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